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Susan Byroth Fox
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Dear Ms. Fox,

Please accept the attached resume to be considered for the current vacancy for the Commissioner of Political Practices. I was encouraged to apply by Senate Majority Leader Jim Peterson.

I am currently employed by Lewistown Public Schools where I serve as a government teacher at Fergus High School. As a government teacher I am aware of the challenges and opportunities that campaign transparency and public recording face. The Office of Political Practices has served Montana well in the past, their recent switch to electronic paperless filing is a step in the right direction to be sure that Montanans are fully aware who and where support is coming from in our free and open elections. I would be honored to serve all Montanans to ensure that the Office continues to serve in a professional and efficient way. As a teacher I am required to present material in a non-partisan objective manner. This skill is one that I pride myself in accomplishing. The Commissioner of Political Practices is required to serve with much the same objective standards, something I know I could accomplish.

Montana is the greatest state in the Union. Our political discourse is largely open and cordial. The Office of Political Practices correctly monitors that discourse. In the classroom and in my community I constantly try to promote civic engagement with my students. Believing that leading by example delivers the most powerful lesson, I strive to participate in the political process whenever possible. Hosting school board candidate debates, serving as a ballot counter and being involved in local issues have been examples of this engagement in the past. I see the current vacancy as an opportunity to serve the Treasure State in another capacity and to continue to teach the importance of civic engagement through example.

Please contact me if any further information regarding this application may be required. I appreciate in advance your time and consideration regarding this matter.

Sincerely,

Beau K. Wright